GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 is the biggest hurdle in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Certain States having large forest areas have expressed apprehension that the provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 could be an impediment in the timely construction of Rural Roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The State Authorities have been requested to convene a Meeting of the officers concerned with the execution of the road works under the PMGSY and of the Forest and Environmental Departments and send their considered views/ suggestions on the issues involved.